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Officials: Nine climbers killed in Nepal avalanche

KATHMANDU (AFP) - An avalanche in Nepal killed at least nine climbers including a group of French mountaineers trying to scale one of the world's most deadly peaks, officials said yesterday.

Around 25 people were near the top of the 8,156-meter (26,759-foot) Manaslu when they were hit by a wall of snow on Saturday night in one of the worst tragedies in Himalayan mountaineering in recent years.

"Most of the dead people are French," said Ang Tshering Sherpa, vice-president of the Nepal Mountaineering Association, after speaking to expedition members at the base camp of Manaslu by satellite telephone. "One or two are Spanish, one Italian, one (Nepali) Sherpa and one German."

Three climbers were thought to still be missing when rescue operations were called off for the night.

"So far, 13 people have been rescued alive, of whom five have been airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment," Basanta Bahadur Kunwar, the local deputy superintendent of police, told AFP by telephone. France's national union of

mountain guides (SNGM) said four French climbers were killed and three others were reported missing.

"According to information from the base camp, there were seven French victims. The four dead have been identified by their photos and three are missing, as well as two injured who have been evacuated by helicopter to Kathmandu," SNGM vice-president Christian Trommsdorff told AFP.

He described the French victims as three mountain guides from the Chamonix area in the Alps and four of their clients, who were part of two expeditions. Based on information the group has received, the avalanche happened Saturday night on the normal path for climbing to Manaslu's summit.

Manaslu, the eighth highest mountain in the world, is considered one of the most dangerous, with scores of deaths in recent years and just a few hundred successful ascents.

Laxmi Dhakal, head of the home ministry's disaster response division, confirmed the avalanche had hit camp three and said it had created "a flood of snow".

Arubans march on UNESCO International Peace Day

Nearly 400 islanders garbed in white joined the Secretary General of the Aruban National UNESCO Mission, Jimmy Oduber, in marching down L.G. Smith Boulevard on Friday, September 21; a show of unity in the wish for world peace.

Proclaimed World Peace Day in 2000 by the United Nations, this year's theme was "Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future" According to the UNESCO, "Building peace is a challenge for the entire United Nations system. It is particularly relevant for UNESCO, which is called upon by its Constitution to build the defenses of peace in the minds of men...History has taught that peace should never be taken for granted. It requires the active engagement of individuals, enlightened leadership and powerful educational values."

This year's Peace March on Aruba was organized by the Student Union of the University of Aruba, under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Participants made their way from the western end of Oranjestad to the Plaza Betico Croes at the far eastern end, to enjoy a cultural evening and presentations by various members of the community. Joining the marchers were the official representatives of various groups living on Aruba, including the consuls of Venezuela, Colombia, Costa Rica, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

Jimmy Oduber officially welcomed the gathering, which included Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. Those addressing the dignitaries and audience were Consul of Costa Rica, Cecilia Arends, representing her colleagues as the Secretary of the Consular Corps followed by President of the Youth Parliament

and UNESCO Club, Rigmar Kock.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar followed Pastor Nuris de Gracia, who represented local clergy, in closing the speeches. Folkloric dance presentations were performed by troupes from Venezuela, Dominican Republic



UNESCO General Secretary on Aruba Jimmy Oduber



Minister Hooyboer Winklaar and her daughter

lic, Colombia, and the Aruban dance group Pachanga performed salsa. Swinda de Cuba, Ruthy Vrieswijk and Omaira Britten recited original poems about peace, and there was a performance by the Mime Group

"La Familia."

The grand finale was choreographed by Jhon Freddy Montoya of the Department of Culture, titled "The Color of Hope."

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Holland approves funds for former Tax Building reconstruction



Prime Minister Eman, President of Parliament Paul Croes and Minister Liesbeth Spies

Last week Dutch Kingdom Minister Liesbeth Spies gave her approval for the re-allocation of funds from the FDA financial program. The FDA is a cooperative fund program in which both Aruba and Holland contribute. Funds in the FDA program are earmarked for certain projects; however these funds may be re-allocated and used for other purposes if both parties can concur.

In last week's meeting with Liesbeth Spies they agreed to make funds available for the restoration of the former Tax Office building in the Paardenbaaistraat. The building frame

which has remained after that building was demolished offers the opportunity to build a nice edifice there since the existing frame is sufficiently solid. The government intended to build a structure there but lacked the resources for this. Now with the approval of Holland to re-allocate some funds, this building will be reconstructed and put to excellent use for two important government departments. This, according to the government, is a very positive step and example of the good relationship that exists between Aruba and the Dutch Kingdom.

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In a recent meeting with Dutch Minister of External and Internal Affairs, Uri Rosenthal, they discussed this vision of Aruba to become the gateway to Europe. It appears that Rosenthal's political ambition is to pull Holland out of its economic crisis using this potential through South American markets via Aruba's gateway to Europe. Rosenthal



Minister Rosenthal and Prime Minister Eman

is impressed with the manner in which Aruba is giving substance to this matter.

In the meeting they agreed that they will prolong the presence of a former Ambassador of Holland in Aruba to help develop this project and to request the help of another person to move the concept of

a gateway forward. Rosenthal appears to be the ideal person for this job in view of his ample experience as former Ambassador of the Kingdom in Colombia. Every effort is being made to get Rosenthal to be the person to give substance to the concept of Aruba as the gateway to Europe.

Aruba and Holland enjoy excellent relationship



Minister Liesbeth Spies

Dutch Minister Liesbeth Spies in her recent remarks to Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman alluded to the good relationship that exists between Holland

and Aruba. Minister Spies made reference to the program of cooperation that has been in place between Aruba and Holland since 2002, which now includes 2010 to 2014. This is the FDA financial program in which both Aruba and Holland contribute financially.

The FDA program is designed to support educational and other worthy projects on Aruba which also includes necessary educational material for our

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Spiral Rotunda still right on schedule



The construction of the spiral rotunda in front of the Aruba airport is reportedly still on schedule for a December com-

pletion. They have encountered a few setbacks, but everything is being done by all the parties to resolve each matter as expe-

ditiously as possible.

The utility companies are currently completing their part of the work. In a few days they will be pulling cables through and making final adjustments to their systems to ensure that everything is functioning well and safely.

Because the road at the rotunda will be widened, they had to relocate cables and pipes to take care of drainage, irrigation and electricity for light poles, etc. This rotunda will be the entrance point for the planned Green Corridor which will become the main thoroughfare between Oranjestad and San Nicolas. There will be four lanes making it imperative that the road be widened. Consequently, all pipelines and cables have to be placed at the outskirts of the road area.

Despite all the additional work and adjustments, the work is programmed to be completed before the end of the year, says DOW's Jossy Kock. It is planned that by the first week of December they would be ready to reopen this newest and most effective addition to Aruba's network of roads.

Conference between the US.Consulate General and members of the AH&SF



FBI- graduate Roland W. Peterson and Dario F. Soemers, both of the Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation (AH&SF), on Thursday Sept. 20, had a meeting with the US Consulate General, Ms. Valerie Belton, who is stationed in Curacao.

The Consulate General who seemed to be very well informed had interest in the

Security conference the AH&SF recently held, and also had questions about the security and police service of the U.S. tourist in Aruba. Also the "special" training of our police officers by the U.S. was brought to the table.

Both sides were very much satisfied with the results of the meeting and promised to meet again.

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banquet staff in preparation for the holiday season.

Food and Beverage Manager Drew Carnahan, P/R Manager Richard Elliott proudly introduced their culi-

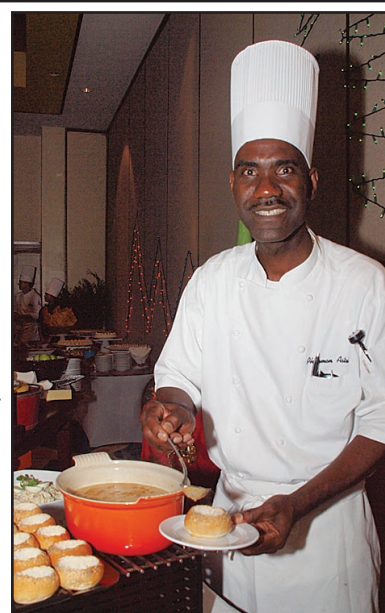
nary and banquet staff under Executive Chef Vincent Pellegrini, who expressed his hope their guests enjoyed the new menu. There was general consensus presentation and preparation was elegant and delectable.

Not unexpected of the Hyatt Regency Resort, Casino & Spa, the typical holiday fare was elevated in intriguing fashion, the décor understated. Attendees were welcomed with a traditional glass of Ponche Crème, the island version of eggnog. They were then tempted by regional favorites such as fresh civiche, complemented by lobster bisque in mini-bread bowls, a stunning carving station, and a sampling of hot dishes such as Filet Mignon with Saffron

Rice or Chicken Provençal. The dessert selection was so beautifully arranged, it was a dilemma as to what made one feel guiltier, disturbing it, or indulging in the sinful treats.

The Hyatt is now taking reservations for end of the year parties with panache; larger parties have value additions of weekend stays and other perks that can be raffled off. Interested organizers should contact Director of Catering, Florence Stadjik at 523-4575, Ivonne Cardoso, Catering & CS Manager at 523-4576 or Margie Gurion at 586-1234 ext 4999 to arrange their holiday parties while space is still available.

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Aruba's intellectually challenged march for peace

For more than five years, Aruba has experienced some sort of demonstration on International Peace Day to illustrate the islander's solidarity with the ambition for world peace.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar reminded all that day is not only about peace between nations and borders, but establishing inner peace and making peace with family members and within the community.

by Rosalie Klein



Consul and Representatives of Uruguay

Aruba In Style with the second installment of the annual fashion soirée.

ORANJESTAD - Aruba In Style is set to raise the fashion barometer in the Caribbean yet again with the second installment of the annual fashion soirée. In association with IMG, the extended weekend of yet-to-be announced designer shows, celebrity cocktail celebrations and fashionable fun in the sun, will be home to the foremost local and international designers and press, with the prestigious Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino as main host resort.

Aruba's pristine beaches and turquoise waters set the perfect scene for fashion brunches and private island parties. Sunset international collection previews will feature vibrant ready-to-wear pieces, elegant bridal-wear and swimwear.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan rejects filmmaker bounty as Muslims keep up protest

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan distanced itself yesterday from a cabinet minister's bounty for killing the maker of anti-Islam film "Innocence of Muslims", as protests against the movie continued from Turkey to Hong Kong.

A spokesman for Pakistani Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf rejected the \$100,000 (75,000-euro) bounty promised by Railways Minister Ghulam Ahmed Bilour, who on Saturday offered a "prize" for killing the filmmaker and invited the Taliban and Al-Qaeda to take part in the "noble deed".

"This is not government policy. We completely dissociate ourselves from this," the spokesman told AFP.

Fresh rallies were held across Pakistan yesterday to condemn the film, after violent nationwide protests Friday left 21 people dead.

New protests yesterday also

gripped Hong Kong, Turkey, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Bangladesh.

Some 3,000 demonstrators in Hong Kong briefly scuffled with police as they tried to deliver a letter to the US consulate.

Some 500 protesters in Istanbul burnt US and Israeli flags as they gathered around the Turkish city's iconic Taksim Square, unfurling banners with slogans such as "Death to America".

Greek police fired tear gas to disperse nearly 1,000 demonstrators in central Athens after some of them -- largely immigrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh -- tried to break through a cordon to march toward the US embassy.

In Saudi Arabia, hundreds of people in a Shiite village in the kingdom's Eastern Province demonstrated against the film, defying the country's

ban on protests.

Around 400 people rallied in front of the French embassy in Iran, shouting "Death to America", "Death to Israel", "Death to Britain" and "Death to France". No violence was reported, and the demonstration ended after around 90 minutes.

Germany's weekly Der Spiegel reported yesterday that a far-right group is planning to screen "Innocence of Muslims" in Berlin in November.

Pro-Deutschland leader Manfred Rouhs told the news magazine he had received two verbal agreements from warehouses to stage the event, after several Berlin cinemas declined.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said in a separate interview that in an age when the Internet can spread content worldwide, freedom of speech must come with a sense of responsibility.

Thousands rally for Chavez re-election in Venezuela



Photo shows people walking across a pedestrian bridge in front of the San Agustin slum of Caracas. Thousands of supporters of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez took to the streets Saturday to push for his re-election, putting the march's focus on his signature social programs.

The socialist and leftist firebrand is seeking a third six-year term, and polls place him ahead of center-left rival Hen-

rique Capriles in the October 7 vote.

Meanwhile Capriles, who has said he supports some of Chavez's popular social programs such as housing and health care, was crisscrossing the country ahead of the election.

Many of his supporters are unhappy with Venezuela's soaring crime rate, inflation and the increasing state role in the country's economy.

Syria aircraft pound rebels as they claim control

ATMA (AFP) - Regime aircraft hammered insurgent bastions nationwide yesterday as rebels said they now control most of the country and have moved their command center from Turkey to "liberated areas" inside Syria.

With deadly violence raging across Syria, UN-Arab League peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi prepared to brief the UN Security Council today about talks he had with both President Bashar al-Assad and the opposition.

Brahimi discussed Syria with UN chief Ban Ki-moon on Saturday and both agreed

that the 18-month crisis was "a steadily increasing threat to regional peace and stability," a statement said.

On the ground, at least 40 people were killed yesterday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, as Syrian aircraft carried out strikes on rebel bastions, especially in central Homs province and Deir Ezzor in the east.

As the fighting continued unabated, Colonel Ahmad Abdul Wahab of the Free Syrian Army said the regime's aerial superiority was the only thing preventing the FSA from taking control of the capital.

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Guards: Strike on Iran would trigger 'World War III'

TEHRAN(AFP) - Iran could launch a pre-emptive strike if Israel prepares to attack it, a senior Revolutionary Guards commander told broadcaster Al-Alam yesterday, a day after his boss warned that conflict was inevitable.

Should Israel and Iran engage militarily, "nothing is predictable... and it will turn into World War III," Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh told Iran's Arabic-language television network.

Hajizadeh, who is in charge of Revolutionary Guards missile systems, said: "In circumstances in which they (the Israelis) have prepared everything for an attack, it is possible that we will make a pre-emptive attack. But we do not see this at the moment."

He added that Iran would deem any Israeli strike to be conducted with US authorisation, so "whether the Zionist

regime attacks with or without US knowledge, then we will definitely attack US bases in Bahrain, Qatar and Afghanistan."

He warned that Israel "cannot imagine our response -- and it will sustain heavy damage and that will be a prelude to its obliteration."

On Saturday, the head of the Revolutionary Guards, General Mohammad Ali Jafari, said war between Iran and Israel "will eventually happen, but it is not certain where and when."

It was the first time a senior Iranian official had acknowledged a probability of war breaking out between the two arch-foes.

Jafari, quoted by the ISNA and Fars news agencies, also said such a conflict would lead to the annihilation of Israel.

"If they begin aggression, it will spell their destruction and

will be the end of the story," he said.

Yesterday, Jafari's deputy, Brigadier General Hossein Salami, told Fars in an interview that Iran's "defensive strategy is based on the assumption that we will engage in a war, a massive battle against a global coalition led by the US."

He said the Islamic republic had made preparations to "crush" the enemy by hitting "enemy bases in the region, the security of the Zionist regime (Israel) and the energy market, as well as the lives of enemy forces."

He added: "We will not start a war. But if someone wages war against us, we will launch continuous offensives."

Tensions have risen significantly in recent weeks, with Israel threatening to unleash air strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Obama thanks Egypt for embassy protection, says Morsi

CAIRO (AFP) - US President Barack Obama has thanked Egypt's leader Mohamed Morsi for securing the American embassy in Cairo during protests against an anti-Islam film, according to Morsi's official Facebook page.

Morsi received a handwritten letter from Obama in which the US leader "presented his thanks to the Egyptian president for Egypt's efforts to secure the US mission in Cairo."

Obama also "stressed the United States' rejection of the film offensive to the Islamic religion and offensive to the American values of freedom of

faith and tolerance," according to the site.

In the letter, Obama said he looked forward to working towards a "strategic partnership" with Egypt, Morsi's page said.

US relations with Egypt, delicate since the fall of former dictator Hosni Mubarak, came under fresh scrutiny after a mob stormed the US embassy in Cairo and tore down the US flag on September 11.

The protest was sparked by a film made in the United States, mocking Islam and the Prophet Mohammed and portraying him as immoral and violent.

Two to be charged over Mohammed cartoon magazine threats

PARIS (AFP) - Two men who made separate threats against staff of the French satirical weekly that published cartoons of a naked Prophet Mohammed are in custody pending charges, a judicial source said yesterday.

Police arrested an 18-year-old in the southern town of Toulon on Wednesday after he was reported by a person close to him who was concerned over his radicalism.

They found several knives at his residence and said the man had threatened to go after

those in charge of the weekly, Charlie Hebdo.

Also in custody is a man in his forties whom police arrested Saturday in the western city of La Rochelle for apparently calling for the decapitation of Charlie Hebdo's editor, Stephane Charbonnier, on a jihadist website.

The weekly magazine published the cartoons Wednesday, as often violent -- and sometimes deadly -- protests continued against an anti-Islam film made in the US that has enraged many Muslims.

Zimbabwe city orders 'big flush' amid water rationing

HARARE - Zimbabwe's second city Bulawayo has ordered its residents to flush toilets at the same time once a week to prevent blockages during frequent periods of water rationing, the mayor said YESTERday.

"We are going to have a big flush every Monday to push all the waste that would have accumulated during the water rationing," Thaba Moyo, mayor of Bulawayo, told AFP.

"It means everybody has to flush their toilet at the stipulated time which will be 7:30 pm. This is done to prevent any sewer blockages as we anticipate longer periods without water" in the sewer system, he said.

He said residents could also flush their toilets at other times



of day.

Bulawayo's chronic water shortages force the city authorities to order rationing, which reduces the amount of water getting into the sewer system.

Currently the city rations water for 72 hours each week.

Health & Living

Swine flu vaccine linked to child narcolepsy: *EU watchdog*



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - A swine flu vaccine used in 2009-10 is linked to a higher risk of the sleeping disorder narcolepsy in children and teens in Sweden and Finland, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said.

The EU agency studied the effects of the Pandemrix vaccine on children in eight European countries after Sweden and Finland reported higher incidences of narcolepsy among children who were inoculated with the vaccine during the swine flu pandemic in 2009 and 2010.

In the six other countries -- Britain, Denmark, France,

Italy, The Netherlands and Norway -- no link was found based on a strict statistical analysis.

An ECDC spokesman said that while the study did not

quantify the increased risk compared with non-vaccination, national studies showed the risk of developing narcolepsy after taking Pandemrix, which is produced by British drug company Glaxo-SmithKline, was around one in 20,000 for children and adolescents.

Narcolepsy is a chronic nervous system disorder that causes excessive drowsiness, often causing people to fall asleep uncontrollably, and in more severe cases to suffer hallucinations or paralyzing physical collapses called cataplexy.

In Finland, 79 children aged four to 19 developed nar-

colepsy after receiving the Pandemrix vaccine in 2009 and 2010, while in Sweden the number was close to 200, according to figures in the two countries.

Both countries recommended their populations, of around five and 10 million respectively, to take part in mass vaccinations during the swine flu scare. Pandemrix was the only vaccine used in both countries.

Meanwhile, a recent study in the medical journal The Lancet said that between five and 17 people in Finland aged 0-17 are estimated to have died as a direct result of the 2009-10 swine flu pandemic, while the same number for Sweden was nine to 31.

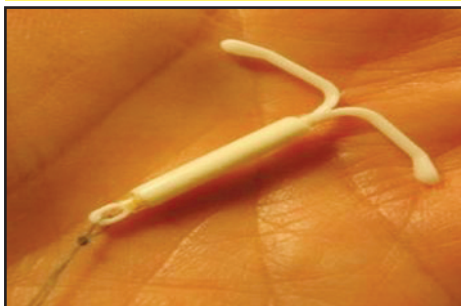
In the past year, the Finnish and Swedish governments have both agreed to provide financial compensation for the affected children after their own national research showed a link between the inoculation and narcolepsy.

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IUDs, implants urged for teens!!!



Teenage girls may prefer the pill, the patch, but their doctors should be recommending IUDs or hormonal implants, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in updating its guidance for teens. Long-lasting and more effective birth control, which need not be deployed each time, are prefer-

able. The IUD and implants are safe and nearly 100 percent effective at preventing pregnancy, and should be "first-line recommendations."

Both types of contraception are more invasive than the pill, requiring a doctor to put them in place. Combined with cost, it is probably why the pill is still the most popular form of contraception in the U.S. Birth control pills often must be taken at the very same time every day to be most potent; forgetting to take even one can lead to pregnancy, which is why the pill is only

91 percent effective.

An IUD, or intrauterine device, is a small, T-shaped piece of plastic inserted in the uterus that can prevent pregnancy for up to 10 years. An implant is a matchstick-size plastic rod that releases hormones. It is placed under the skin of the upper arm and usually lasts three years.

The new guidelines don't tell teens not to use other methods, but "if your goal is to prevent a pregnancy, then using an implant or an IUD would be the best way to do this," said Dr. Tina Raine-Bennett, head of the committee.

The organization's previous guidelines, issued in 2007, also encouraged the use of IUDs and implants among teenagers. The new guidelines go further in saying physicians should discuss the two types of birth control with sexually active teens at every doctor visit. The group said condoms should still be used at all times because no other birth control method protects against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

While it may sound surprising that such invasive contraceptives are being endorsed for teenagers, a government survey revealed 43 percent of girls ages 15 to 19 have had sex. Most are using some kind

of effective birth control, but only about 5 percent use the long-lasting devices.

In 21 states, all teenagers can get contraceptives without parental permission, according to the Guttmacher Institute, which tracks laws affecting women's health. A few other states allow it under certain circumstances. The IUD and implant cost hundreds of dollars. The new health reform law requires health insurance plans to cover birth control without co-payments. Also, some publicly funded health clinics offer birth control free or at a reduced cost.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has been more cautious and has not endorsed specific methods of birth control, but is updating its guidance. Some pediatricians have been reluctant to recommend IUDs for teens, partly because of concerns over infection risks; an older model was blamed for infertility. Dr. Paula Braverman, a University of Cincinnati physician involved in updating the academy's position, said the gynecologists' advice does a good job of clarifying misconceptions about IUDs and implants.

An IUD called the Dalkon Shield that was sold in the 1970s was linked to dangerous

and sometimes deadly infections. Newer IUDs have been found to be safe, and the gynecologists group said the risk of pelvic infections increases only slightly during the first three weeks after insertion.

The hormonal implant has been updated, too. IUDs and implants can be removed at any time with no lasting effect on fertility. "The ones on the market today are extremely safe," said Dr. Mary Fournier, an adolescent-medicine specialist at Chicago's Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, who praised the new recommendations. "That is what everybody should be telling their patients." She already recommends IUDs for her patients and is being trained in how to insert birth control implants.

Raine-Bennett, research director for women's health at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, Calif., said she gets mixed reactions from her patients about both methods. "Some of them say, 'Great! Something that I don't have to think about.' Others are, like, 'Hmmm, something in my body?' It really varies." Doctors need to be sensitive to that and provide detailed information to dispel any myths and allow teens to make informed decisions.

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Apple maps disaster may solve China-Japan islands row

TOKYO (AFP) - Apple's new iPhone 5 may have been criticised for its glitch-ridden new maps program, but it may have inadvertently provided a diplomatic solution to China and Japan's ongoing row over disputed islands.

The new smartphone, which has dumped Google Maps in favour of its own version, has been ridiculed for misplacing major landmarks, shifting towns and even creating a new airport.

But amid a row over an out-

crop of islands claimed by both Tokyo and Beijing, Apple's new iO6 software has provided a resolution of sorts.

When a user searches for the Tokyo-controlled Senkaku islands in the East China Sea, claimed by Beijing under the name Diaoyu, two sets of the islands appear alongside each other.

"The map has one set of islands for each country. Is this a message from Apple that we civilians must not get engaged in a pointless dispute?" one

Japanese blogger wrote.

The new mapping program was released this week as part of Apple's updated mobile operating system software, which powers the new iPhone 5, released Friday, and can be installed as an upgrade on other Apple devices.

To the chagrin of many, the new operating system replaces Google Maps, which had been the default mapping system in Apple devices until now.

As of yet there is no standalone Google Maps app available for the iPhone, although some reports say this is coming.

The East China Sea islands, strategically coveted outcrops, have been the focus of a territorial dispute between Tokyo and Beijing, with tensions escalating dramatically after the Japanese government bought three of them from their private owners.

Sci-Tech

CMB and ELMAR announce a partnership to assist families in "going green"



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Elmar Project Manager Freddy Varga

Caribbean Mercantile Bank officers welcome Director of ELMAR, Roberto Henriquez, to their offices on Friday afternoon, September 21, to announce a partnership between the two entities. It is their goals to see that renewable energy for a green Aruba is feasible for individual homeowners and all contribute to the effort to make Aruba oil independent by 2020.

ELMAR NV, which maintains and regulates consumer power distribution, has imported a large number of the high quality solar panels, which carry a 25-year guarantee. The object of the campaign is to encourage present homeowners to make the renovations to utilize solar energy, and those who are building to incorporate it into the design of their homes.

For EPI Tech instructor Freddy Varga is heading the project for ELMAR, and he explained the details. The panels will be offered at a very special price. They are available in units capable of providing 2.4kw, 5kw, 7.5kw or 10kw, depending on indi-

vidual needs. ELMAR NV will send an engineering expert to make assessments of what each home requires for their size and energy demands. The price of the solar panels does not include installation.

CMB Bank is offering very special terms of only 7% on mortgages that will incorporate the paneling, or on loans to renovate the home to deploy this renewable energy source. This vastly discounted interest rate is only available towards the purchase and installation of panels, or for new homes that will include them.

CMB Assistant Managing Director Cisco Quant and ELMAR Director Roberto Henriquez signed the agreement before island media on Friday. Both expressed how pleased they are to working together to assist Aruba on the road to sustainability and a "Green Aruba." Interested parties can contact CMB at 522-3000 about the new loan program.

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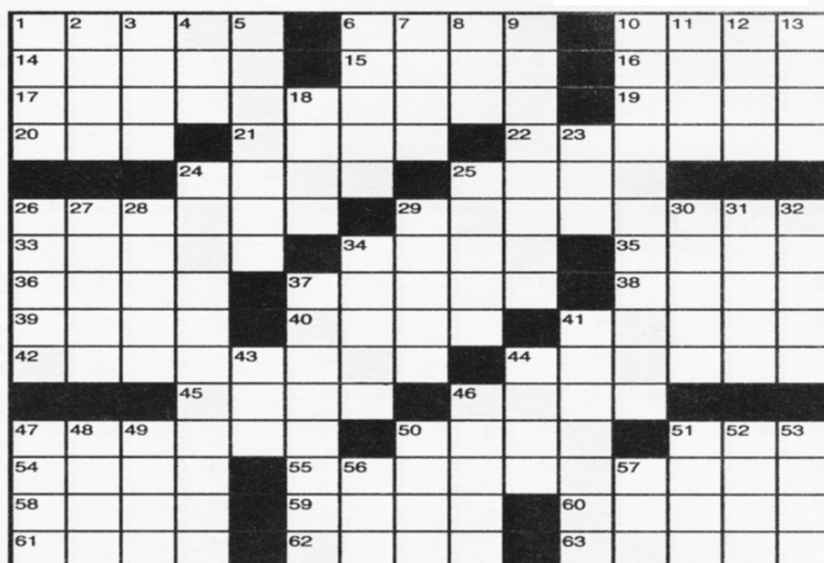
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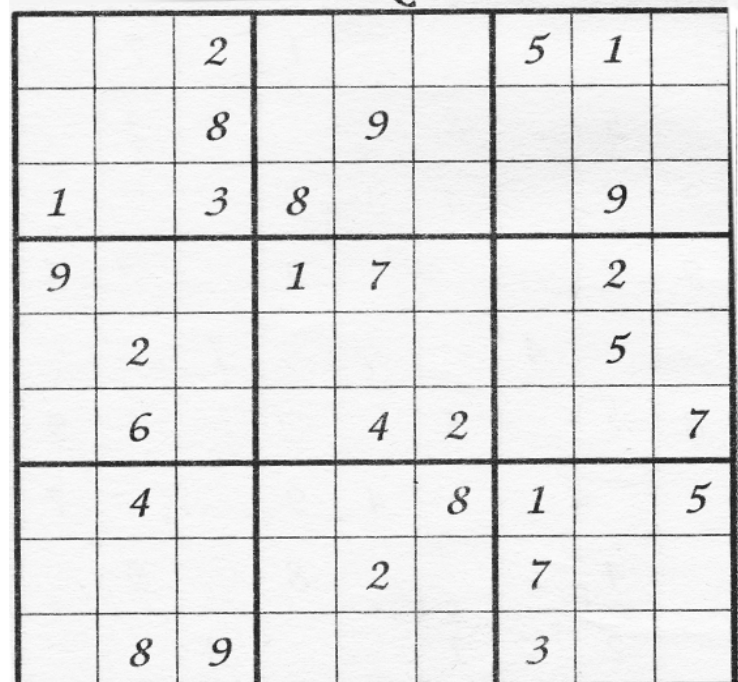
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Volcker says QE3 has high risks

GLENEAGLES -- Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker said in Scotland the latest round of quantitative easing could spark uncontrollable inflation. The Fed announced Sept. 13 it would increase its asset purchases to \$85 billion per month through 2012. Stock markets responded favorably, but the finance minister of Brazil accused the United States of risking a currency war, given that quantitative easing has the effect of lowering the value of the dollar, which makes U.S. goods more affordable abroad. Volcker, at a conference

sponsored by the Chartered Accountants in Scotland on the weekend, said "monetary policy is about as easy as it can get." He said QE3, as the third round of asset purchases is called, "is understandable, but it will fail to fix the problem." "There is so much liquidity in the market that adding more is not going to change the economy," he said. The move could provoke inflation that policy makers will find hard to bring under control, he said. "The risk is that central bankers are not able to tighten policy in time. Will they be

able to pull back fast enough from loose monetary policy?" he said. Volcker said China was no longer the economic power that would pull the global economy out of its slump. "We can no longer look to China to rescue the world," he said. "The Chinese economy has slowed 50 percent since its peak and is no longer able to support international growth. "Europe is in or near recession, including the U.K. So don't look to the U.K., to China, Brazil or India. The U.S. is the only country that can create the type of economic hope and market leadership the world needs. We have a weaker platform than we used to but it is still the most important platform in the world," he said.



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Switzerland	CHF	190.86	191.58	192.38
Netherlands	EUR	229.23	231.32	233.65
Sweden	SEK	26.25	26.97	27.69
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FINANCE

EU, France sign 940 mln euro metro deal with Egypt

CAIRO (AFP) - The European Union and France have signed a 940 million euro agreement with the Egyptian government to fund the construction of a new metro extension, the EU mission in Cairo said in a statement yesterday. The EU and the French Development Agency (AFD) inked the deal on Saturday, fulfilling nearly half of the French commitments allocated for Egypt during the Deauville summit in 2011 aimed at supporting the Arab Spring, the EU said. The package is a loan on 25 years with a less than two per-

cent interest rate, it said. France has already provided financial and technical support for Cairo's two existing metro lines built in the 1980s. The third line -- the first phase of which became operational in March -- will carry up to 1.8 million passengers a day, the EU said. International bids will be launched by the beginning of 2013, and the implementation of the project is expected to take eight years, it said. The metro system has helped ease Cairo's notorious traffic congestion.

Belgium minister rules out wealth tax

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Belgian Finance Minister Steven Vanackere yesterday ruled out the idea of creating a wealth tax despite mounting criticism in the country that wage-earners are hardest hit by the current tax system. "A wealth tax is a door we must leave shut during this legislature," Vanackere said of the 30 months before the centrist six-party coalition headed by Socialist premier Elio Di Rupo faces elections. But as Vanackere spoke on a Sunday TV talk show, De Zevende Dag, deputy premier

Laurette Onkelinx told a Socialist Party congress in the town of Namur that she was mulling "proposals to hit financial speculation". The head of the Socialist Party, Thierry Get, recently complained that fiscal revenues were 75 percent linked to wages and 25 percent to capital gains. Talk of taxing the wealthy has grown following a move this month by French billionaire and LVMH boss Bernard Arnault to acquire Belgian nationality.

No plain sailing in mega-yacht market



Despite much of the world's economy being at sea, the market for mega yachts is well and truly afloat, with the industry's major showcase of the luxury crafts wrapping up in Monaco. The Monaco Yacht Show, which was held from September 19-22 in the Principality of Monaco, is an exclusive event that brings together 30,000 international visitors and more than 500 participating companies from the luxury yachting sector. It also provides an opportunity for discussion and exchanges on complementary areas -- such as business aviation.

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'End of Watch' joint top of N. America box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Los Angeles cop drama "End of Watch" and horror-thriller flick "House at the End of the Street," jointly topped the North American box office on their debut weekend, estimates showed Sunday.

Both films took \$13 million in receipts, with another new release, "Trouble with the Curve," starring Clint Eastwood, only narrowly behind with \$12.7 million, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

The 3D version of "Finding Nemo," slipped from second to fourth place, with \$9.4 million, while sci-fi action-

thriller "Resident Evil: Retribution," last week's number one, was well back in fifth, on earnings of \$6.7 million.

"Dredd," a 3D production based on the comic strip Judge Dredd and its eponymous character, earned \$6.3 million on its opening weekend, enough for sixth spot in the standings.

"The Master," a drama about a World War II naval veteran, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Joaquin Phoenix, jumped from a lowly 19th to seventh place this week on earnings of \$5 million.

"The Possession," a supernatural thriller starring Kyra Sedgwick, was knocked into eighth, with an estimated \$2.36 million in takings.

And rounding out the top 10 were the Depression-era gangster tale "Lawless" (\$2.31 million) in ninth, and "ParaNorman," an animated movie about a boy who can speak to the dead, with \$2.3 million in earnings.



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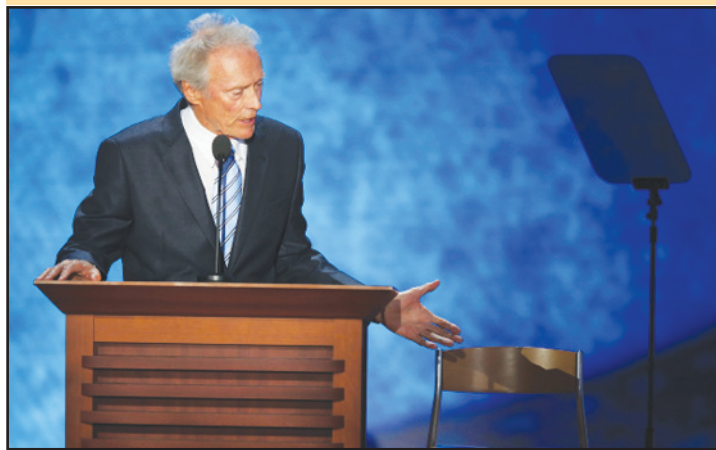
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Michelle Obama suggests Oprah as Democrats' Clint



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michelle Obama suggested that someone like Oprah Winfrey could deliver a better warm-up for her husband than Clint Eastwood did in his bizarre turn for his Republican rival Mitt Romney.

The US First Lady, speaking hours before her own address to the Democratic National Convention, also reacted positively to the suggestion of George Clooney.

"He's cute," she told E! News when asked about the Hollywood A-lister in an inter-

view aired a few hours before her speech in Charlotte, North Carolina.

But pressed on which celebrity would be good to fire up the audience ahead of her husband's Thursday convention-climaxing speech, she said: "Oh, that's a tough one. Oh, goodness. It would have to be somebody who knows him."

"Somebody like Oprah. I don't know. People who have spent time with him, who know him, who understand his heart, who know his values, I

think," she said.

"Then it's not just a celebrity, but it's another person talking about a friend or a colleague and I think that's a bit more authentic than just having a big name," she added.

Hollywood legend and "Dirty Harry" star Eastwood stole the show from Romney with an unscripted speech at last week's Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

The 82-year-old chatted with an imaginary President Barack Obama in an empty chair next to him on stage, in a routine which raised eyebrows and was lampooned by critics as the ramblings of an iconic but aging actor.

It also launched a new online trend, "Eastwooding" -- people posting pictures of themselves addressing empty chairs -- which some say could rival so-called "planking," featuring stiff-as-board poses in odd settings.

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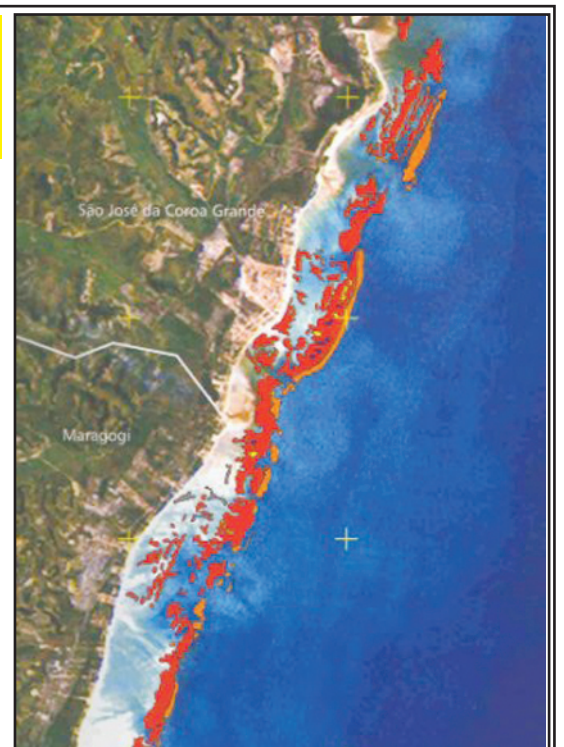
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In half century, Brazil lost 80% of coral reef

BRASILIA (AFP) - In just five decades, Brazil has lost 80 percent of the coral reef once found along 3,000 kilometers (1,864 miles) of its northeastern coast, according to a study cited by local media Sunday. Brazil's reef ecosystems -- with 18 species of coral, algae and at least three types of fish -- lie not far out to sea, near major Brazilian cities like Fortaleza, Recife and Natal. The study, cited by the G1 news portal, was conducted by the country's environment ministry and the Federal University of Pernambuco. Lead researcher Beatrice Padovani was quoted as saying that domestic, industrial and farm pollution were factors in boosting sediment accumulation that has devastated the reef systems.



Healthy, tasty treats on the menu at Lecca Lecca

No foray to Oranjestad is complete without a stop to refresh and refuel at Lecca Lecca, the stylish "Gelato Shoppe" located right in the main bus terminal. This adorable eatery sports a menu that reflects the passion of its owner, Milly Lacle, for "healthy, natural foods, for a healthy body."

The idea of a sweet treat being good for you is contrary to everything we are being told today, but Milly did her homework before establishing her gelato and sorbetto factory on the second floor. Her recipes come from a respected gelato house in Italy, where they have been producing the refreshing, low or no fat product since the 1800's. She continues the tradition of using only fresh fruit juices and natural extracts to as flavoring.



Favorites and unique flavors like grapefruit and lemon mint

fluffy naturally, producing a satisfying treat drastically lower in fat, sugar and calories than traditional ice cream.

Unique flavors found nowhere else are a revelation. For a delightful surprise and pure refreshment, sample the grapefruit, passion fruit or carrot sorbetto; the rich, dark, sugar-free chocolate gelato is absolutely sinful, without the guilty conscience! They also have a unique collection of yogurt gelatos swirled with

fresh fruit sorbetto in delightful combinations.

Lecca Lecca offers an attractive lunch menu including quiche made with only fresh vegetables, and sandwiches on crusty bread they prepare in their own bakery. Indulge in the soup of the day for a

hearty sampling of authentic Aruban cooking.

Opened Monday through Saturday from 9:30 AM until 7:00 PM; it is a must do while in Oranjestad for a refreshing treat, with the emphasis on FRESH!



Fresh vegetable quiche

There are absolutely no artificial colorants or preservatives in the gelato and sorbetto, which is produced fresh daily; leftovers at the end of the day are donated to children's homes Casa Cuna or Imeldahoff. They have over 60 flavors on their roster with 18 available at the shop each day, including at least one sugar-free and one-gluten free for those with special dietary needs. All the gelato is made from organic milk flown in from Italy, guaranteed free of steroids and antibiotics. Lecca Lecca pasteurizes the milk in their factory, to be sure there are no chemicals used in the process. The end product is whipped light and



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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee.



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

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SPORTS

Formula One: Vettel wins dramatic Singapore Grand Prix



SINGAPORE (AFP) - Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel survived an incident-packed Singapore Grand Prix to reignite his world title defence with a thrilling victory on Sunday.

After two safety cars, crashes and the shock retirement of Lewis Hamilton while leading, Vettel, Formula One's youngest double champion, finished in front of McLaren's Jenson Button for only his second win of the season.

Championship leader Fer-

nando Alonso was third, mounting his eighth podium of the year in the dramatic night race around the narrow, demanding street circuit through the heart of downtown Singapore.

Force India's Paul di Resta took an impressive fourth and Mercedes' Nico Rosberg was fifth, ahead of Lotus's former world champion Kimi Raikkonen.

Romain Grosjean, Felipe Massa, Daniel Ricciardo and Sergio Perez -- promoted one

place after a time penalty for Mark Webber -- rounded out the top 10 in a race that was cut short by two laps to 59 after hitting its two-hour time-limit.

With the win, Vettel climbs to second in the standings behind the consistent Alonso, who has a reduced lead of 29 points. Raikkonen lies third and the unlucky Hamilton drops down to fourth.

"This has been one of toughest races of the year, to be honest," said Vettel, last year's winner in Singapore, who will now fancy his chances of a third straight title.

Vettel also escaped punishment over a near-miss with McLaren's Jenson Button after a lengthy stewards' inquiry on Sunday.

Officials decided the defending world champion was not at fault for the incident, when Button narrowly avoided smashing into his rear-end when they were driving under the safety car.

Football: Floodlight 'sabotage' postpones Real Madrid match

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid's La Liga match at Rayo Vallecano was postponed on Sunday after the floodlights failed amid reports of electrical cables being cut.

Rayo's president Raul Mar-

tin Presa indicated he had reason to believe cables had been cut.

"Vandals have cut cables, we have tried to solve the problem as quickly as possible but told the stewards not to

open the doors of the stadium. We will leave it to the police to find out who is responsible," said Presa.

Fans were not allowed into the Estadio de Vallecas ground for security reasons ahead of the match, which had been due to start at 9.30pm local time (1930 GMT).

Spanish television reported the match would be rescheduled for today evening.

Real were desperate for a win in the match having made a dismal start to the season to languish eight points behind leaders Barcelona after just one win in four games.

Football: United down Liverpool at emotional Anfield

LONDON (AFP) - Ten-man Liverpool were left searching for their first Premier League win under new manager Brendan Rodgers as arch-rivals Manchester United came from behind to win 2-1 at an emotional Anfield on Sunday.

This was Liverpool's first home match since an independent report cleared their fans of any responsibility for

the 1989 Hillsborough disaster where 96 of the Merseysiders' supporters were crushed to death during an FA Cup semi-final.

Liverpool played more than half the match a man down after Jonjo Shelvey was sent off in the 39th minute for a two-footed challenge on Jonny Evans.

Football: Marseille streak clear with sixth win in six

PARIS (AFP) - A first-half header from Morgan Amalfitano was enough to give Marseille their sixth straight win of the new campaign, a 1-0 success over Evian on Sunday, and hand the southerners a five-point lead atop Ligue 1.

Marseille's last league crown was 2010 but last season they endured a wretched time and parted company with Didier Deschamps, who moved on to pastures new as coach of France with veteran boss Elie Baup coming in.

The change has been proving as good as a rest and the club have only conceded a solitary goal to date.

On Saturday, a brace from star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic helped propel Paris Saint Germain to a 4-0 romp at Bastia as the capital club moved into third spot.

Defending champions Montpellier were held to a 1-1 draw by Saint Etienne on Friday, bringing an end to a frustrating week where they had suffered two successive defeats.

Football: Penalty miss pegs back Leverkusen

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayer Leverkusen missed a penalty and wasted a raft of opportunities in a 1-1 draw at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach in the Ruhr derby on Sunday.

The result left Leverkusen in 12th place in the Bundesliga, eight points behind leaders Bayern Munich, who maintained their perfect record on Saturday when a 2-0 win at Schalke gave them a fourth win in four games.

Leverkusen had 31 shots on target compared to Moenchengladbach's five as they were held to a second

successive home draw after their 1-1 stalemate with Metalist Kharkiv in the Europa League on Thursday.

Patrick Herrmann put 'Gladbach ahead in the third minute after being put through by a wonderful long ball from Venezuelan international Juan Arango.

Czech midfielder Michal Kadlec levelled for Leverkusen nine minutes later.

Andre Schuerrle had the chance to win the game for Leverkusen in the 70th minute but he saw his penalty come back off a post.



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NFL: Players ask owners to end referee lockout for safety

WASHINGTON (AFP) - NFL players union executives, including New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, asked club owners to end a lockout of referees on Sunday in an open letter posted on the union's website.

The NFL Players Association executive committee wants no more substitute officials such as those from lesser collegiate levels that have

worked games since the season began earlier this month.

"We believe there is substantial evidence that you have failed in your obligation to provide as safe a working environment as possible," the union's letter said. "Your actions are looking more and more like simple greed."

The issue grew in importance last week after several botched rule enforcements by the substitutes and growing complaints from NFL players and coaches, so much so that the league asked coaches to tone down their comments.

Referees, who work other jobs and handle NFL games on off days, asked for more money and benefits from the league, which instead locked them out and brought in replacements from lower levels

of American football.

"Your decision to lock out officials with more than 1,500 years of collective NFL experience has led to a deterioration of order, safety and integrity," the union letter said.

"This decision has not only resulted in poor calls, missed calls and bad game management, but the combination of those deficiencies will only continue to jeopardize player health and safety and the integrity of the game."

The players union said replacements have been unable to deal with the faster pace of NFL games compared to th amateur ranks.

"Many replacements have lost control of games due to inexperience and unfamiliarity with players and rules," the letter said.

Some of the headaches for the NFL have been laughable.

One replacement referee handled a game for a team he once worked for while another was removed from a game just before he would have officiated a game for a club he openly supported on a Facebook page.

"As players, we see this game as more than the 'product' you reference at times," the letter to owners said. "We are all men who love and respect this game and believe that it represents something beyond just money."

"You cannot simply switch to a group of cheaper officials and fulfill your legal, moral, and duty obligations to us and our fans. You need to end the lockout and bring back the officials immediately."

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With Sunday's loss to the Cardinals the Cubs not only missed out on a chance to play spoilers against their arch-rivals (with the victory, the Cardinals remain 2.5 games ahead of the Brewers for the final NL Wild Card spot), they also are back on pace to lose 100 games for the first time since 1966. With nine games remaining on the season, the Cubs need to go 4-5 to avoid the dubious distinction. Other results: Oakland 5 NY YANKEES 4 Minnesota 10 DETROIT 4 NY METS 3 Miami 2 BOSTON 2 Baltimore 1 Milwaukee 6 WASHINGTON 2 Atlanta 2 PHILADELPHIA 1 TAMPA BAY 3 Toronto 0 Pittsburgh 8 HOUSTON 1 Cleveland 15 KANSAS CITY 4



Football: Terry quits England on eve of 'racism' hearing

LONDON (AFP) - Former England captain John Terry dramatically quit international football yesterday, fewer than 24 hours before a Football Association hearing into allegations he racially abused Queens Park Rangers' Anton Ferdinand.

Chelsea skipper Terry, 31, said the FA had made his position "untenable" after he had already been cleared of criminal charges emanating from the controversy which rocked the game last October.

"I am today announcing my retirement from international football," Terry said in a statement.

"I would like to thank the England managers who have selected me for my 78 caps. I have had great pleasure in sharing that honour with all the players that I've played with."

"I am making this statement today in advance of the hearing of the FA disciplinary charge because I feel the FA, in pursuing charges against me where I have already been cleared in a court of law, have made my position with the national team untenable."

Terry was stripped of the England captaincy as a result of the allegations and there was further controversy when he was included in Hodgson's squad for this year's European Championships while long-term England central defensive colleague Rio Ferdinand, Anton's older brother, was left out.

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Cycling: Gilbert ends years of frustration with world title



VALKENBURG, The Netherlands (AFP) - Belgian rider Philippe Gilbert won the men's cycling world road race title for the first time on Sunday.

The 30-year-old, who last year became only the second rider to win all three Ardennes one day classics in the same season, broke away on the final climb to come home clear of Norwegian Edvald Boasson Hagen while Alejandro Valverde of Spain took the bronze.

Gilbert said that his bad memories from the 2010 edition when he had attacked on the final climb in Geelong, Australia, but been caught

with 5km to go had been at the back of his mind.

"I was very disappointed by that defeat," he said. "The manner of that defeat, though, served to strengthen me in a way.

Valverde, who only returned to competition this year after serving a two year doping ban, said that Gilbert could not have timed his break better.

Spain's two-time Tour de France champion, and recent Tour of Spain winner Alberto Contador, had livened up the race with 81km of the 267km race distance to go, breaking away with a group including France's leading hope Thomas Voeckler.

Tennis: Wozniacki routs Kanepi to claim Seoul title



SEOUL (AFP) - Former world number one Caroline Wozniacki won her first title in over a year when she handed out a 6-1, 6-0 rout of Kaia Kanepi, the injury-hit Estonian who knocked her out of the French Open. Top seed Wozniacki, whose last title had come at New Haven in August 2011, needed just 62 minutes to completely overwhelm third-seeded Kanepi, allowing her just one hold of serve in the fifth game of the match.

"Today I did well at turning defence to offence and offence to defence. That's actually a strength of mine. I'm very pleased with how everything turned out," said Wozniacki.

The Dane now has 19 WTA Tour titles, but she insisted that a return to the world number one spot was not on her mind.

Kanepi's run to the final was encouraging after she had to pull out of all 10 of her tournaments between the French Open and this week with an Achilles injury, missing Wimbledon, the Olympics and the US Open.

Wozniacki and Kanepi will take part in the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo this week where they are seeded 10 and 15 respectively.

Wozniacki faces Bojana Jovanovski while Kanepi tackles Silvia Soler-Espinosa.

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Cricket:

India, Pakistan win in World Twenty20

COLOMBO (AFP) -- Arch-rivals India and Pakistan stayed on course for a highly-awaited Super Eights clash in the World Twenty20 with contrasting wins on Sunday. India demolished defending champions England by 90 runs in a group A match in Colombo after Pakistan had pipped New Zealand by 13 runs in group D in Pallekele. Both India and Pakistan are almost certain to be drawn in the same Super Eights group, with a match between the Asian giants scheduled to be played in Colombo on September 30. India are already assured of a place in the Super Eights, while Pakistan take on Bangladesh in their last league match on Tuesday needing a win to advance.